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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4605

September 24, 1999

Federal Communications Commission
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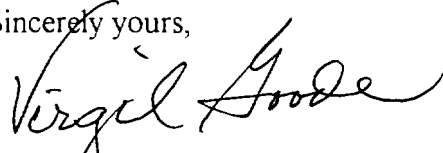
To the Commission::

I am writing in support of WVPT, public television for the Shenandoah Valley and Charlottesville, Virginia. WVPT is in jeopardy of losing its Charlottesville channel assignment due to a waiver the FCC is considering.

I believe that WVPT is an important source of instructional, award-winning programming designed specifically for the Charlottesville area. More than 40 percent of their television schedule is devoted to children. WVPT serves the community through its alliances with the University of Virginia, Charlottesville and Albemarle schools, the United Way and many others. WVPT is a publically funded station and I believe stripping WVPT of their channel assignment would be harmful to the Charlottesville community and to those in the greater Charlottesville area who enjoy the public programming offered by WVPT.

I would greatly appreciate your reviewing this matter and showing WVPT's motion to retain their channel 19 assignment. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Virgil H. Goode

VHGjr/cgt



September 27, 1999

The Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commission:

I am writing as the Executive Director of the **Virginia Discovery Museum**. *I urge you not to allow WVPT to lose its channel assignment.* WVPT provides an invaluable service to those in the Charlottesville area. As the Executive Director of the only children's museum in central Virginia, I value our long and extensive history of partnerships with WVPT. Both of our organizations are committed to quality educational programming, children, our communities and originality. Below is a partial list of successful partnerships between our organizations:

Magic School Bus

As a public service WVPT produced and aired promotional spots about hands-on science programs at the Virginia Discovery Museum before each Magic School Bus program supporting a continuum of learning.

Young Environmentalist Contest

The Virginia Discovery Museum served as a site for the awards ceremony for this regional contest addressing issues of importance to both of our organizations. The winning entries from Grades 6-8 were displayed at the Museum assuring widespread visibility.

Skyline Illustrated

This locally produced WVPT program featured the Virginia Discovery Museum. When it was initially aired, it provided valuable publicity for our unique educational setting. We continue to use this excellent and informative segment in the orientation process for both new staff and Board members.

Cubby appearances

The WVPT mascot accompanied by WVPT staff, activities and materials has appeared at the Virginia Discovery Museum and numerous special events sponsored by the Museum.

Creating Community Partnerships for Science Literacy

[Sponsored by WGBH and AAAS].

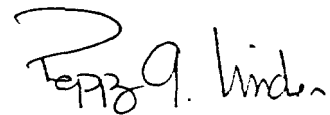
Our proposal, in partnership with WVPT and the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum (in Winchester, VA) was one of 75 out of 300 chosen in

response to a national RFP. After more than a year of planning, this joint project will culminate in a one-day event called KidVention celebrating the inventive nature of children with an emphasis on communication. [Please see the accompanying program calendar for details.]

WVPT is a valued resource to our community and a welcome partner for our children's museum. I have worked with every local WVPT representative since becoming Executive Director in 1990. The local representatives along with the WVPT staff in Harrisonburg have consistently been supportive of our mission and open to discussions about opportunities for partnerships. Their local programming is exceptional. I hope there will not be any changes in their channel assignment and service to the Charlottesville area. Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Enclosures:
Past publicity
Program calendar

Sincerely,

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Peppy G. Linden
Executive Director

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In re Applications of Achernar Broadcasting Company, Lindsay Television
For Construction Permit for a New UIIF TV Station on Channel 64 at
Charlottesville Virginia



The Daily Progress/Landon Nordeman

GREEN GAME: The inventors of The Water Game, Holly Berry, 13, (left), Heather Tyler, 14, Kimberly Atkins, 13, (right) and Kimberly's mother, Laura Atkins, examine their creation Monday afternoon at the Virginia Discovery Museum. The game was among the winners of the WVPT Young Environmentalist Contest.

THE DAILY PROGRESS,

Charlottesville, Va., Tuesday, February 24, 1998



The WVPT Young Environmentalist Award Supported by the Virginia Discovery Museum

Preserving the environment is an ongoing concern for everyone. WVPT Public Television seeks to increase awareness on environmental issues and to involve young people--the next generation--in the process of preserving our resources. For the second year, the Young Environmentalist Award Contest has been held with the aim of achieving both of these goals. In this year's contest, students in grades 9-12 produced essays and/or videos that identified a problem of water conservation or pollution. Working individually or in groups, these students then sought to provide a creative and yet practicable solution.

The Virginia Discovery Museum, geared toward educating students in kindergarten through 5th grade, has played an integral role in the Grade 6-8 Young Environmentalist Award. Middle school students were asked to create an instructional, hands-on exhibit to be displayed at the Discovery Museum. Among the entries submitted were a variety of board games, an exhibit involving water sample identification, and a homemade water filter. Two board games, "Pollution Attacks" and "Water Game," were selected as winner and honorable mention, respectively, and will be displayed this spring in the Discovery Museum for many young students to enjoy.

"Pollution Attacks" was submitted by Kimberly Dodson, Rebecca Lamb, and Jennifer Roberts of Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. "The Water Game" was created by Kimberley Atkins, Holly Berry, and Heather Tyler, also of Kate Collins Middle School. The winning entry for the Grade 12 contest, "The Greening of Little Washington," was submitted by Andrew Van Horn of Rappahannock County High School in Washington, VA. The Grade 9-11 winner, "Flooding in Rappahannock County," was created by Emily Sims, Robyn Kaye, and Ryland Pace, also of Rappahannock County High School.

Winning spots profiling these students and their entries are airing on WVPT:

Grade 12 -- Andrew Van Horn

February 24, 4:55 p.m.

February 25, 5:58 p.m.

Grade 9-11 -- Emily Sims

Robyn Kaye

February 24, 5:25 p.m.

Ryland Pace

February 25, 5:29 p.m.

Grade 6-8 -- Kimberly Dodson

Rebecca Lamb

February 24, 6:25 p.m.

Jennifer Roberts

February 25, 4:59 p.m.

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WVPT serves the area with offices in Harrisonburg and Charlottesville. The Harrisonburg offices and studios are located at 298 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801-3052, (540) 434-5391. Our Charlottesville office is staffed by Peter Thompson and is located in the Ednam Professional Center, 2560D Ivy Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903, (804) 972-1718.

WVPT'S MAIN TRANSMITTER operates on Channel 51 on Elliot Knob in Augusta County. A second transmitter operates on Channel 42 on Signal Knob in Warren County. WVPT also operates five TRANSLATORS:

Channel	Location	County
49	Fork Mountain	Madison
38	Big Mountain	Page
19	Carter Mountain	Albemarle
45	Little North Mountain	Rockingham
8	Sounding Knob	Highland

All material is accurate as we go to press; however, schedule changes can and do occur. Please consult the TV listings in your local paper or TV Guide for updates and program changes. VIEWFINDER © 1997 SVETC

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● The Young Environmentalist Award

The last several months at WVPT have been particularly fulfilling for me. I have become acquainted with a number of outstanding young people while working with the 1997 Young Heroes project and our first Young Environmentalist Award Essay Contest. Please read the article on p. 11 about our 1997 Young Heroes.

Sarah E. Cottrell, a senior at Central High School in Woodstock, received the Young Environmentalist Award April 16 at a reception at the Holiday Inn—Staunton. Three finalists, all superior students, were chosen on the basis of their essays addressing why, despite unprecedented investments, the Chesapeake Bay is still a threatened resource. Each finalist was interviewed at the Virginia Discovery Museum in Charlottesville March 17. Based on the essay and oral presentation, Sarah was chosen the winner. She received a plaque, and a \$1,000 scholarship from Shenandoah Valley Water Company in Staunton for reimbursable higher education expenses. A biographical video segment about Sarah will air on WVPT for several months.

Sarah's goal is to pursue a bachelor of science degree in pre-medicine or biology. She has earned numerous academic records including being a Jefferson Scholarship semifinalist and a 1997 National Merit Program commended student. She has received the Virginia High School League Academic Excellence Award for three years and has participated in several prestigious studies programs. In sports, she has excelled in tennis, cross country, and basketball. Sarah has participated in the Letterman's Club, National Honor Society, Youth and Government Club, Student Council Association, Model General Assembly, Math Club, and Spanish Club and has held offices in many of these. She has volunteered for the Salvation Army, Medical College of Virginia Hospital, Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, and is a member of the Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River.

The top two finalists were Erin Tate, also a senior at Central High School, and Safia Rawoot, a senior at Stonewall Jackson High School. Both also received plaques April 16. Both are outstanding students who have set high goals for themselves. All three gave thought-provoking ideas for saving the Chesapeake Bay.

It has been a pleasure working with Chris Saxman of Shenandoah Valley Water Company on this project. Thank you to Layman, Diener & Borntrager Insurance Agency of Harrisonburg, the contest's underwriter. Also, Domino's Pizza provided a pizza party for Sara Chiaramonte, a senior at Riverheads High School, whose name was drawn from all entrants. And, Skyline Trophy & Engraving provided and engraved the winner's and finalists' plaques.

Our congratulations to Sarah for continued success. And, if you are in Charlottesville, visit The Virginia Discovery Museum's spring exhibit on the Chesapeake Bay!

Gail F. Smith



The Virginia Discovery Museum is partially supported by a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Our calendar offers general information and lists program descriptions in chronological order. The grid includes program titles, age ranges, times, and registration information.

OPEN STUDIO

All Ages Free with Admission Tuesday-Sunday All Day
Each week we supply directions, materials, and samples to help you make a unique, creative project to take home. Studio projects beginning on **September 14** are **Maracas, Apple Prints, and Totem Poles**. Studio projects beginning on **October 5** are **Pinecone Critters, Fall Foliage Paintings, Spider Web Paintings, and Jack-O-Lanterns**.

POETRY CLUB

Ages 7 and older Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45

Join this innovative group of young poets in writing and publishing your own original poems in our bimonthly poetry magazine, *Museum Muses*.

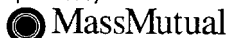
TODDLER TIMES

Ages 2-6 with adult Wednesdays, 10:30 and 3:45 Free with Admission

These activities for developing wee ones are listed on the grid.

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB RETURNS!

Ages 4-7 with adult Thursdays, 4:00
Sponsored by



The Blue Chip Company

Beginning on September 16, children can explore different themes with our resident scientist, Peter Clark. Discover the mysteries of science through games, hands-on activities, special guests and/or experiments. Classes are designed for ages 4-7, though all ages are welcome (some children may require adult help). Weekly themes are listed on the grid.

FEES & REGISTRATION

A \$ indicates a fee AND PRE-REGISTRATION required for a program. A ☞ indicates pre-registration required for a program. CLASSES FILL UP FAST SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We can refund registration fees if you give us 48 hours notice.

Calendar and general Museum information can also be found on our newly redesigned Web site www.vadm.org

JOIN THE VDM

VOLUNTEER CREW!
Teens to seniors are welcome and most definitely appreciated. Call Jan Jennings 977-1025.

Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 1999 <div> FREE SUNDAY Admission free all day! Last Day for Up, Up & Away! HOURS 1:00-5:00 </div>		1 TODDLER TIMES Ages 2-6 with adult Free with admission 10:30 and 3:45 Invisible Designs	2	3 SEE THE STARS! Field Trip to UVA McCormick Observatory 8:30 PM Free ☞	4 <div> KidConnect: The Next Generation of Communication Opens! DOWNTOWN STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL Special Open Studio Project: Make a Musical Instrument! 10:00-5:00 Free with Admission </div>
MUSEUM CLOSED FOR RENOVATION AND PLANNING					
5	7	8	9	10	11
12 GRANDPARENTS' DAY Special Open Studio Project: Create a Family Tree Free with Admission HOURS 1:00-5:00	14 POETRY CLUB 1:00-1:15 Ages 7+ Free with Admission	15 Celebrate Apple Month TODDLER TIMES Ages 2-6 with adult Free with admission 10:30 Sign Language 3:15 Apple Smiles	16 Celebrate Mexican Independence Day MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SCIENCE CLUB 4:00 Ages 4-7 Making Connections: Electric Circuits Free with Admission	17 SEE THE STARS! Field Trip to UVA McCormick Observatory 8:30 PM Free ☞	18
19 HOURS 1:00-5:00	21 POETRY CLUB 4:00-4:15 Ages 7+ Free with Admission	22 TODDLER TIMES Ages 2-6 with adult Free with admission 10:30 and 3:45 Leaf Collages	23 First Day of Autumn MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SCIENCE CLUB 4:00 Ages 4-7 Boat Float, Density Free with Admission	24	25 GET BACK TO SCHOOL! 11:00-11:45 Ages 5-8 \$
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October 1999 <div> FREE SUNDAY Admission free all day! HOURS 1:00-5:00 FALL COURT DAYS LEE PARK 12:00-5:00 </div>		5 POETRY CLUB 1:00-1:15 Ages 7+ Free with Admission	6 TODDLER TIMES Ages 2-6 with adult Free with admission 10:30 and 3:15 Finger Puppet Story Time	7 MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SCIENCE CLUB 1:00 Ages 4-7 Lost and Found: Magnetics Free with Admission	8 FALL COURT DAYS IN LEE PARK 10:00-6:00 FALL COURT DAYS IN LEE PARK Come make your mark on the VDM Quilt Project
10 Celebrate National Children's Day HOURS 1:00-5:00	12 COLUMBUS DAY/ SCAVENGER HUNT All Ages Free with Admission POETRY CLUB 4:00-4:15 Ages 7+ Free with Admission	13 TODDLER TIMES Ages 2-6 with adult Free with admission 10:30 and 3:15 Finger Paint Your Family	14 MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SCIENCE CLUB 4:00 Ages 4-7 pHabulous pHum: Chemistry Free with Admission	15 <div> </div>	16 International Food Day INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLASS 10:00-12:00 Ages 6+ \$
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24 HOURS 1:00-5:00 <div> HAPPY HALLOWEEN! HOURS 1:00-5:00 </div>	26 POETRY CLUB 1:00-4:15 Ages 7+ Free with Admission	27 TODDLER TIMES Ages 2-6 with adult Free with admission 10:30 and 3:15 Pumpkin Masks	28 MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SCIENCE CLUB 1:00 Ages 4-7 Stretch & Squash: Elastic Free with Admission	29 <div> </div>	30 COSTUME WORKSHOP 12:00-3:00 All Ages \$ Pumpkin Mask HALLOWEEN BASH! 6:00-8:00 Ages 2+ with adult \$

Virginia Discovery Museum ☞ East End of the Downtown Mall (near City Hall) ☞ (804) 977-1025

September/October

September 11-January 16

KidConnect



Up, Up & Away!

Through September 5

Post Office Box 1128

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Call 977-1025

Closed Mondays

Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday

HOURS

ADMISSION
 Children (Ages 1-13): \$3.00
 (Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.)
 Adults: \$4.00
 Senior Citizens: \$3.00
 Museum members free.
 Handicapped accessible.
 2 hours free parking at Market Street Parking Garage (5th & Market), Water Street Parking Garage (3rd & Water), or Water Street Lot with museum validation.
 Have ticket stamped at front desk.
 Printed on recycled paper

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September 1999 October

Exhibits

UP, UP & AWAY!

Through September 5

Up, Up & Away! is packing its bags, so stop in for one last tour of our airport control tower, runway, wind tunnel, and cockpit! Catch the last flight of this popular exhibit before it takes off into the wide blue yonder.

This exhibit is sponsored by the
Charlotteville-Albemarle Airport Authority,
Piedmont Hawthorne Aviation,
Blue Ridge Flight Center and Williams.



KidConnect: The Next Generation of Communication

September 11, 1999 through
January 16, 2000

This exhibit examines the history of communication and takes a hands-on look at some of the latest technology. Try out the tools and materials of modern telephones in our **Repair Truck**. Travel the world on an **Internet Scavenger Hunt**, or learn about wireless technology at our **Telephone Tree**. Even the complex world of digital technology is simplified into a puzzle challenge! Join us as we take a simple look at the sophisticated technology of modern communication.

This exhibit is generously developed and sponsored by
CFW Intelos.

Discovery Corner

WIND ME UP!

Who says grown-ups don't have toys? The Discovery Corner is featuring Gabe Silverman's collection of mechanical toys. Come try them out and watch them whirl, twirl, squawk, and squeak!



Program Descriptions

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Classes fill up fast so PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

September

SEE THE STARS!

FIELD TRIP TO UVA MCCORMICK OBSERVATORY
Friday, September 3 8:30 PM

All ages Free PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED Ⓜ Stay up late and meet a group from the Museum at the Observatory. There will be a slide show, tour, and a peak through the telescopes (weather permitting). Please call the Museum to pre-register—we need 15 people to accommodate for a special early group tour. The Observatory is located at the top of the hill on McCormick Road and parking is available in the adjacent lot.

Materials to make your own STAR CLOCK will be available during our field trip.

DOWNTOWN STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL

Special Open Studio Project:

Make a Musical Instrument

Saturday, September 11 10:00-5:00

All ages Free with admission

Drop into the Museum and create your own musical instrument from recycled materials. Make a guitar, kazoo, rainstick, or drum, and then join in the festivities on the Downtown Mall.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY SPECIAL OPEN STUDIO PROJECT: MAKE A FAMILY TREE

Sunday, September 12 1:00-5:00 All Ages

Grandparents admitted FREE with grandchildren Bring your Grandparents to the Museum to celebrate your heritage! We'll have materials on hand in our studio for you to create your unique family tree. Bring along some family photos if you have them, or have a Polaroid taken here for \$2 each.

SEE THE STARS!

FIELD TRIP TO UVA MCCORMICK OBSERVATORY
Friday, September 17 8:30 PM

All ages Free PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED Ⓜ

See program description above.

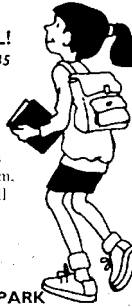
GET BACK TO SCHOOL!

Saturday, September 25 11:00-11:45

Ages 5-8 \$

Fee: \$2 Members / \$4 Nonmembers

Chiropractor Dr. Suzanne Coffey will teach you how to take the ache out of backpacking to school. Learn about your spine and nervous system, and try out some exercises that will help you sit straight and walk tall.



October

FALL COURT DAYS IN LEE PARK

Friday, October 1 10:00-6:00

Saturday, October 2 10:00-6:00

Sunday, October 3 12:00-5:00

All ages

Come visit us at Lee Park for the 23rd Annual Fall Court Days Arts and Crafts Festival. Make your mark on the Virginia Discovery Museum Quilt Project. We will have materials there for you to write your name on a piece of fabric that will become a part of a quilt hanging in the Museum. A \$1 donation per square will help support the Museum.

Kid•Vention



Discover Communication

Piedmont Virginia Community College

Saturday, October 9 11:00-3:00

Ages 4+ and adults Ⓜ

Kid•Vention: Discover Communication is a partnership between the Virginia Discovery Museum, the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, and WVPT that celebrates the inventive nature of children. Children and adults who participate in this exciting, one-day event have an opportunity to meet with a diverse group of people working in the field of communication. Features include an invention creation station, telephone take-apart table, and a video tape of their invention to take home, plus many more entertaining and educational activities and prizes. Information and project ideas to help you prepare for Kid•Vention will be available at the KidConnect exhibit at the Museum and on our Web site starting in September.

This event is sponsored in part by Plow & Hearth and CFW Intelos.

INTERNATIONAL COOKIE-ING CLASS

Saturday, October 16 10:00-12:00

Ages 5+

Fee: \$4 Members / \$6 Nonmembers \$

Come to the Museum and celebrate International Food Day! Learn how to make cookies from around the world. Eat some here and take some home to share!

VIRGINIA FILM FESTIVAL KIDS' VIDEO SCREENING

Saturday, October 23 11:30-1:30 Ages 5+

Fee: \$2 Members / \$3 Nonmembers \$

Enjoy popcorn and a drink as you sit back and check out some creative children's filmmaking.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Costume Workshop

Saturday, October 30 12:00-3:00

All ages

Fee: \$3 Members / \$5 Nonmembers \$

Why buy your costume off the rack when you can work with the experts to create a unique and maybe scary costume? Bring some of your own ideas and materials to add some finishing touches, or create a costume from our recycled materials. Maybe you'll win a prize for your costume at the Downtown Celebrate Safe Halloween Costume Contest!

HALLOWEEN BASH!

Saturday, October 30 6:00-8:00

Ages 2+ with adults

Fee: \$5 Members / \$7 Nonmembers \$

Come haunt the Museum, dressed to scare, during an after-hours Halloween celebration!

The Museum will be transformed into a spooky (but toddler-friendly) space full of tricks you try & treats you make, plus a special performer. The party room will be a glowing, black light theater where you'll be able to perform with special creepy creatures that you make! Please register early for the fun!

Developments



Remember that we will be closed for renovation and planning on Tuesday, September 7 through Friday, September 10. We traditionally take this short "break" to better serve our community and visitors. Come visit us on Saturday, September 11 and check out the changes and new exhibit!

Welcome to the new members of the Virginia

Discovery Museum Board of Directors:

James Barkley

Galloway Beck

Denise Burns

Sarah Hornel

Mary Jo Rajek

Mike Terry.

This year's officers will be:

Scott Watkins, President

John Reid, Vice President

Mimi Bowerman, Treasurer

Francie McDonald, Secretary.

Be sure to visit us at the Albemarle County Fair, August 31-September 5.

Many THANK YOU'S to everyone who has generously donated time, talent, and support to the Museum, including:

• The Public Welfare Foundation for their recent donation.

• Judy Giles for organizing and teaching our craft camp.

• The Junior League of Charlottesville for

sponsoring our 1999-2000 Field Trip Brochure.

• Everyone involved in our Up, Up & Away! exhibit.

• CFW Intelos and Neal Gropen for help with the design and construction of our new exhibit,

KidConnect.

• Sylvia's Pizza for our Pizza Party! program.

• The Rivanna Radio Control Club for

sponsoring our Summer Model Building Mini-Camp.

• All of our dedicated volunteers who came out during the scorching summer heat!

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES, please complete this form and return it to the Museum with your payment. CANCELLATION POLICY: 48 hours notice required for a refund of fees.

Child: _____ Age: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ Cost: _____

Child: _____ Age: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ Cost: _____

Total: _____

Adult: _____ Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____

Method of payment (circle one): CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD

Credit Card #: _____

Name on card: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: Virginia Discovery Museum, Post Office Box 1128, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Or fax to: 977-9681



MALCOLM P. WOODWARD
Stoat Hall
699 Chapel Hill Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901

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September 28, 1999

To the Commission -

The support and efforts in our community of WVPT have been outstanding. Their efforts to document for television coverage our early local community was a welcome and excellent documentary in which I was able to help.

For those so involved in these efforts, I would ask that the WVPT station be continued as Channel 19. I - and others - in this community appreciate their efforts.

With thanks for your attention

(B) Malcolm Woodward

Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter, Inc.



September 28, 1999

The Federal Communications Commission
445- 12th Street, SW.
Washington, DC. 20554

Dear Commission:

The support and activities of WVPT are encouraging to our area's young environmentalists where in recent years they have considered the issues of clean water in our communities. We have joined with WVPT in judging the entries of some of the classes each year, and it has been a real pleasure to read these entries. The efforts and programming of WVPT in the interests of environmentalism have meant a lot to all those involved--the schools, the children, the parents, and to our League members.

The television coverage and documentary programs that WVPT offers are a credit to our area and of strong interest and support in our viewing area. Their commitment has been strong to our issues of environment and conservation, and our local League would ask for their continued service to the public. Please continue Channel 19 for WVPT.

Sincerely,

Mac Woodward
Mac Woodward, Secretary

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

October 13, 1999

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Mr. William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

I write to you on behalf of WVPT, the public television station for Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, which I represent in Congress. WVPT's General Manager, Mr. Moss Bresnahan, has shared with me that the Federal Communications Commission is considering a waiver that would assign WVPT's translator channel in Charlottesville, Virginia to a commercial television venture.

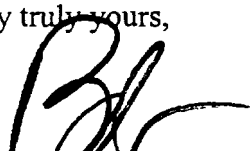
I am very familiar with the tremendous range of services that WVPT provides to the Shenandoah Valley and the Charlottesville regions of the Commonwealth. The station has more than one thousand hours of instructional programming available to schools in the Charlottesville area. It produces an award-winning news-related show specifically for the Charlottesville market, has programming specifically geared toward the non-profit sector, and has an Emmy-award winning monthly series that provides the region's only documentary programming on history, culture, and the environment.

WVPT is a leader among public television stations through its community outreach efforts. It has a full-time office in Charlottesville, works in concert with a variety of public and private institutions in the city and Albemarle County, and has a strong following among viewers in the region east of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It's reputation for quality and service is well recognized.

I strongly urge you to give careful consideration to the detrimental impact that such a waiver would have on WVPT.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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October 21, 1999

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

To the Commission:

I am writing to show my considerable support for WVPT-TV (PBS), which is in jeopardy of losing its Charlottesville channel assignment due to a waiver that the Federal Communications Commission is now considering. WVPT provides Charlottesville with indispensable programming. For example, WVPT serves the greater Charlottesville schools with 1000 hours of Instructional Programs, which are utilized every day. In addition, more than 40 percent of WVPT's scheduling is devoted to children's programming. WVPT produces programs specifically relating to Charlottesville. Among these programs are: *Consider This*, which provides a forum for local newsmakers and political candidates; *Living in Virginia*, an Emmy award-winning monthly documentary series, which profiles the region's history, culture and environment; and *Short Takes*, which promotes the activities of local non-profit organizations.

I believe that WVPT-TV provides an essential service to the Charlottesville community. Please do not take Channel 19 away from WVPT. My constituents and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emily Couric".

Emily Couric
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October 25, 1999

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To the Commission:

It is my understanding that WVPT is being challenged to hold on to its current Charlottesville, Virginia, channel assignment due to a waiver the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is now considering. To remove this channel assignment would cost WVPT hundreds-of-thousands-of dollars, and cause a disruption to thousands of viewers in Charlottesville. In my opinion, it is an unnecessary change just to accommodate a commercial TV application.

As a long time supporter of public TV, an avid viewer and a Board Member, I can assure you the services WVPT provides to the greater Charlottesville region are vital and indispensable. It is important to note that WVPT serves the schools in the Charlottesville area and that more than 40 percent of WVPT's schedule is devoted to children. Additionally WVPT produces award-winning local programming specifically for Charlottesville. *Consider This* provides a forum for newsmakers and free airtime for candidates. *Living in Virginia* is an Emmy – winning monthly documentary series that profiles the region's history, culture and environment. WVPT is the only source of local documentary specials on the history of Charlottesville.

With a local office and full time staff, WVPT extends the value of public TV into the community through valuable outreach efforts such as *Young Heroes*, *Young Environmentalists*, *Young Author's Contest* and *Kid*Vention*. WVPT has also formed a number of vital partnerships and alliances with University of Virginia, the Children's Museum, the McGuffey Art Center and the United Way to name a few.

If the FCC considers public service to the community in its decision, the commission must not take channel 19 away from WVPT. I find it especially upsetting that the FCC is considering a plan to give WVPT's channel 19 to a commercial TV applicant that has no plans to provide public service to Charlottesville.

It is requested that WVPT be allowed to retain channel 19. At the very least, WVPT should be granted an active role in these deliberations and be allowed the opportunity to apply for and comment on the assignment of channel 19 to Charlottesville.

Cordially,



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November 8, 1999

Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Applications of Achernar Broadcasting Company, Lindsay Television for
Construction Permit for a New UIIF TV Station on Channel 64 at
Charlottesville, Virginia (MM 86-44)

Dear Mr. Senzel:

As counsel to Shenandoah Valley Educational Television Corporation ("SVETC"), we have received copies of your letters concerning compliance with the *ex parte* rules (47 C.F.R. §§1.1200-12), which you have sent to various citizens who had expressed their views on the above-captioned matter. SVETC fully recognizes the importance of the *ex parte* rules and the necessity for all parties to remain informed of all communications in a restricted proceeding. This letter is to clarify that to SVETC's knowledge, with the exception of one oversight, all parties to the proceeding have been served with contemporaneous copies of all submissions to the Commission, in full compliance with the *ex parte* rules. SVETC, to facilitate compliance with the *ex parte* rules, not only informed all supporters of the need to serve copies of any correspondence upon all parties but also, subject to one exception, collected all letters prior to submission to the Commission and duplicated and mailed copies of each letter to all parties. Any letter collected by SVETC was sent to the Commission with a label attached identifying the proceeding and record to which such comments should be added. SVETC did not, however, state specifically to the Commission that it had provided the copies to all parties. In the future, SVETC will note on any submissions to the Commission that copies have been provided to all parties to this proceeding in full compliance with the *ex parte* rules.

There may have been one oversight. SVETC received a copy of a letter from Congressman Wolf, dated October 5, 1999. Due to a misunderstanding between SVETC and the Congressman's office, the letter had been sent directly to the Commission from the

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Congressman's office, rather than forwarded first to SVETC for duplication and distribution. SVETC believed, apparently erroneously, that the Congressman's office had already complied with the *ex parte* rules by sending copies to all parties. In accordance with the letter you sent to Congressman Wolf, SVETC understands that Congressman Wolf's communication will not be placed on the record for consideration by the Commission.

Since the other letters were served on all parties and this letter clarifies that the *ex parte* rules were complied with, SVETC asks that the letters mailed by SVETC on behalf of concerned citizens be placed on the record so that the Commission may give full consideration to all views presented in this matter of utmost importance to SVETC and the Charlottesville community.

Sincerely yours,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Cara Maggioni, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Enter Citizen Comments Into the Record was this December 2, 1999 sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid to the following:

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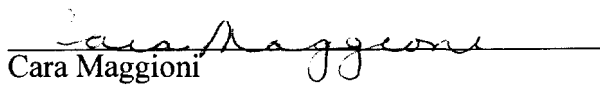
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